

Finding your ness

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Summary: Full summary inside. This story is about a complex subject themes and subjects. Consider this your TRIGGER WARNING. Gender swap as well.

1. Chapter 1

Surprise! A New story that I have been diligently working on. While my other story is my baby and I want it to be perfect. This one is about a subject close to my heart and I hope that one day I can help people just like this. So let me know what you think. SC

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><p>Summary<p>

His eyes opened to see the most beautiful sight he had ever seen in the world. The brown eyed goddess he would soon call his wife staring shyly, yet content at him. "Hi," she said with a large smile on her face. He voice was dreamy and distance. Happiness swelled his heart.

"Hi Gorgeous," she beamed at his love call. She is young, beautiful, and smart and he could be in love with anyone else.

"Last night wasâ€|breath taking." He pulls her in closer.

"Best for my queen." She smiles bigger causing his own smile. "Happy Valentine's Day, "

Somewhere an alarm goes off loudly.

Chapter 1 - 02/14/16 Morning

The blond man shot up out of his cheap hotel bed mindlessly searching for his phone. Successfully he found the annoying object under his blanket. The name on the call screen flashing 'Regina'. "Fuck," He

groaned before swiping the screen. "Hello," he gruffed out.

"Where the fuck are you? Are you still sleeping?" he could hear the anger seething through the phone.

"Yes-I mean no. It's not what you think," He tried to explain.

"It never is." She said coldly, "don't even bother showing up."

"Regina, you can't do that. They are my kids." He raised his voice.

"And they deserve better than to be treated like this, Ej!" She yelled.

"Treated like what?" he said through gritted teeth.

"Second fiddle to your addiction." There was a deathly moment of silence.

"I'm not addicted."

"Then just stop and come back home." Her voice cracked, "If you're not addicted the stop drinking and come home. We will work through everything else." This pained him. He instinctually closed his eyes seeing his wife standing there with tears in her eyes fidgeting with her wedding ring she had recently wore on a silver chain. She didn't know he had seen it hanging around her neck.

"Regina, I can't-"he struggled out as vision of the night they separated flashed before his eyes.

"It's fine. Don't worry about picking up the kids. Daniel and I have decide to spend the day with them." the quick shift in her voice made him shiver.

"Regina, I â€"the phone went dead. Ej groaned in frustration and through self-back on the bed. Staring at the ceiling he felt the tears in his eyes ready to fall. He quickly wiped his face. Really men don't cry he thought. He looked to the side where his cheap compressed wood bed stand was and looked at his most prized possession. A silver picture frame which held a picture of Regina and him on their wedding day. She was smiling at him and he was just smiling at her.

2. Chapter 2

Alright this is chapter 2 and its way way longer. That being said it is like 10 at night and I didn't want to review this chapter, so if there are any mistakes my bad. Also just a small trigger nothing to big. Hope you enjoy. SC

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><p>Chapter 2 - In a Nutshell<p>

The first time Ej saw his wife was in high school. He was new to the small school of Storybrooke High. He was at lunch and since he had

yet to make any friend he found himself eating lunch at one of the outside tables. For some unknown reason the cheerleaders were showing off some of their routines or whatever. As he ate, though mostly picking at her food, he watched the cheerleaders flipping, rolling and tumbling. His mouth literally dropped when Regina flipped her way in his direction. At the time Regina merely winked at him as she enjoyed the effect she had on boys. Little did she know that in his eyes she was the most beautiful creature he had ever laid eyes on. After the group had finished having their fun Ej was able to muster up the courage to talk to Regina. The only reason he was unsuccessful was that his now best friend Graham stopped him from informing him that Regina taken and way out of his league, Ej didn't care. He just offered his future friend a simple, "I will marry her one day," to which Graham chuckled at.

Throughout out their freshman year Ej made many attempts to talk to Regina without seeming to desperate for her attention. After a little over a month Ej could confidently say they were friends, but he wanted more. From the reciprocating actions shown he thought Regina had as well. Ej's desperation and jealousy drove a huge wedge between the two and they had only been friends for more than three months. At large house party they friends were caught up in their biggest argument at the time which lead Ej to come home drunk waking his parents. While his mother, Mary-Margaret was very boisterous of her disapproval towards him at that moment grounding him for a month. Ej's father, David, sat the boy down for a heart to heart that revealed his son's over enthusiastic effort to get the girl. David gave his son the best advice anyone had ever given him. He instructed his son to first apologize to Regina for being too forward and that while he believes that they had chemistry he would willingly back off. Regina had accepted his apology and thing went back to the way they were. Both flirted harder than ever, especially Ej. Sweet touches, that anyone on the outside would have thought they were dating. Nights out with each other, which would lead to close kisses but would never lead anywhere, because Regina reason she had a boyfriend. One day it happened Ej got a girlfriend that wasn't Regina.

It happened suddenly sending Regina into shock. She hadn't even know that Ej was looking at other girls. That was until Ej walked happily into school holding hands with a just as popular girl named Lilly. Then the cycle began again except this time it was Regina who was jealous. They argued all over again. It all combusted one night after sophomore year homecoming dance at an after party. She was arguing again with him and he was done with it. In a frustrating yell he demanded for her to tell him what she wanted. Instead she pulled him into an earth shattering kiss that ended with long overdue hungry sex. Within the month both had ended their relationships. Lilly conveniently moved. Regina and Robin mutually split.

After that time went quickly and both were deciding what the future held for them. Regina decided to attend college while Ej want to peruse a military career. This wasn't easy for either of them. Between the in convinces of both a school/military schedule and the distance both many times discussed separating. Neither ever could though. They just loved each other to much to stop. This love drove Ej to finally do something he had wanted to for a long time. On the day before Valentine's Day Ej went over to Regina's parents' house in his military best and like a man asked her father, Henry, for Regina's hand in marriage. He of course got the man's permission. The

next day he showed up at Regina's apartment for a day of romance that started with him dressing like a flower delivery man. After an amazing day Ej went home with Regina where the intimacy of just being with one another gave him the courage to propose.

On a beautiful day drizzling day in August friends and family gathered under the safety of a beautifully decorated tent to hear the two lovers profess their love. Ej once again wore his best as he impatiently waited to see his future wife. He was lucky enough to get two months off to celebrate this day, but upon his arrival had to wait to day, until the wedding, to see Regina as his future mother-in-law insisted on not breaking tradition. He only agreed to appease the controlling woman. Finally, after minutes, hours, day, weeks, months, years, he was able to call Regina his wife. As Regina was walking down the aisle EJ found her to be the most beautiful person he had ever seen. She was dressed in a white gown that clung to her body then flowed into a short train. Her hair was down and had little white flower in it.

All through the ceremony Ej did not pay attention to the priest presentation. He wanted nothing more than to kiss her and tell her she was beautiful. When the priest got to their 'I do's' Ej could not hold it in anymore. When it was his turn instead of saying 'I do' he said 'you're beautiful'. This response caused the witness to chuckle and awe. Regina who had been holding tears finally started shedding happy tears. Instinctively he pulled her into his arms whispering sweet words of comfort until she composed herself.

At the reception everyone enjoyed a hearty three course meal. As they did toast where made first the bride and groom toasted everyone who came, thanking them for being a part of this memorable moment. Ej's dad, David a man of few words, but the words he spoke were passionate. David congratulated his son and gave his son one last piece advise "Now, she is you sun, she is your moon, she is the air you breathe, she is your life. Without her you will die. I know because I have your mother." It was short yet powerful enough to impact his son. Regina's dad followed telling everyone of the first time he met Ej. He admitted at first he didn't care much for Ej. The boys ushy bond hair and grungy looking clothing made Henry feel a little weary about his daughter's choice. Now though he was more than proud to say Ej was his son-in-law. Mary-Margaret, Ej's mother, basically cried for her speech. She cried so much Regina had to nudge Ej to retrieve the microphone her. Then it was Ej's turn to nudge Regina as her mother, Cora, would not stop talking. Ej's brother, Neil, and Regina's sister, Zelena, presented a short slide show of the two then gave a brief congratulation. Finally, best man, Graham, and maid of honor, Katheryn, both gave a toast. Graham told the short story of how the first time he met Ej the teen promised to one day marry Regina. While Kathryn told the story of Regina's realization that she loved Ej.

During their first dance Ej surprised Regina by showing her his newest dance skill. While they were in high school Ej was not the best dancer. In fact, at their prom Ej had embarrassed himself by stepping on her feet multiple times while slow dancing. This time though he vowed to not ruin this moment by stepping on her. All the months leading up to their wedding Ej had been secretly practicing and learning how to dance while he was away on deployment. Regina had been delighted and impressed as Ej flawlessly turned her. After reception the newlyweds opted to not travel the day wedding and

stayed in the Mills guest house where they consummated their marriage into oblivion. After they had flown to Hawaii for the rest of their honeymoon. While they did do some sightseeing they mostly stayed in the honeymoon suite ordering room service and enjoying each other.

Unfortunately, all good things must end. Ej had to go back to his duty protecting his family and country. Four months later he found out Regina was pregnant. Ej was ecstatic to soon be a father of a little boy. Due to his extreme work schedule he missed the birth of his son, Henry David Swan. He also missed many of Henry's first. When he did make it home though he would make the most of his time. He would spend the day with his son then at night he would he would ravish his wife. While this wasn't ideal it was made the best of.

Regina would get pregnant again with a little boy, Jorden Adrian Swan. While both looked more like Regina with their dark hair and tan complexion, but they both had Ej's bright green eyes. Even with the distance they made it work still. By this time Regina had been working at the Mayor's office and had fallen in love with her career so much that she decided she would run for Mayor once the prior one retired. She then would go on to win the election. Ej was proud of her and proud to be her husband at such an important time. Then thing again had to get difficult. They got pregnant again this time with twin boys, Riley Emlyn Swan and Cruz Parker Swan. Four growing boys and a high demand career made it life for Regina to do on her own difficult. After hours of sporadic discussion, it was decided that Ej would not enlist again once his contract was up.

A week before returning home Ej was shot twice in the chest. One bullet did minimal damage, while the other punctured a lung. The injuries where bad enough to almost kill him He begged his higher ups to not tell his family, especially his wife, which they didn't. After two months on the hospital he finally was released and aloud to go home for good. The only downfall he had a worried wife at home who he never told about the injuries.

Once he got home everything shockingly changed. The pace of life and how relatively un-adapted to it all made normal things a struggle for him. What made it all worst was that he had no schedule. Everyone around him had thing they had to do, but all he did was float between everyone's time. Especially his own wife. Regina would get up at 6am make coffee. Wake the kids at 7 am. Be out of the house with the kids by 8:30 am. Dropped them off at school by 8:45 am. She then be at work by 9:00am. Once at work she would become so engrossed that she may never get a lunch. Then she would not arrive home many nights till 10pm. Regina was so schedule oriented even the children felt obligated to fallow it. Ej would pick the kids up at 3pm. Then they would come straight home by 3:45pm. Do homework until dinner was made, which he always struggled to make decent and have it on the table by 5:30pm. God forbid it be late. Even when he tried to be spontaneous and take the kids out to a movie on a Tuesday night not only did Regina freak out, but so did the kids. By 8 the kids had to be showered and in bed. Leaving him to sit and wait. In all he spent 8 hours plus doing nothing and the other time even though he was with his family he felt like an outcast.

When Regina would arrive home late at night she would most time be too tired to pay him any mind. Even when she would look for some kind

of intimacy he couldn't find the passion he once had for her because it had been shadowed by the ongoing guilt he had for not telling her about being shot. The first time they had sex she saw the scars and he lied to her saying they were from carrying his pack all day while marching. He knew she didn't believe that and even when he would wake from nightmares he knew she didn't believe he was fine. The stress of this secret caused him to be naked or shirtless in front of her.

To help ease these pent up feeling and problems he started drinking heavily. Many would say it's easy to just talk to someone instead of drink, but for him it wasn't. No one would listen, but most of all his pride would not let him burden someone else. Slowly depression started kicking in and he only drank more. He and Regina started fighting a lot. They would fight about money, attention, the kids, and non-existent things like leaving the toilet seat up. Then when Regina's new friend Daniel came into the picture that's when he started accusing her of cheating. He knew she wasn't, but his insecurities ate away at him plus the attention he received when accused her was better than nothing.

Many times while they were fighting he was buzzed or drunk. Which Regina pointed out on many occasion that it was a problem. He ignored her and told himself that she didn't understand it was only him releasing. His only way of releasing the emotions he kept deep inside himself. Even when she cried for him to stop he couldn't. Finally, after 2 years of the same old song and dance it all exploded. After another heated argument about Daniel. Ej Stormed out of the house to his oasis, the Rabbit Hole. He never went out as he preferred drinking in the comfort and privacy of his own home. When he did though he would more often than not go to the Rabbit Hole.

As he was well on his way to becoming a blacked out drunk a woman approached him. They started talking and flirting. This was the attention he thought he was missing. They somehow ended up in her hotel room. She straddling him and making it very known that she wanted to fuck him. As the woman reached for his pants he stopped her. Wouldn't cheat on Regina he couldn't. He loved her even after all this time. Instead he went back to the bar and continued his mission.

Stumbling drunk he wandered back home guilt eating away at his insides. He had convinced himself in his drunken state that he would go home crawl into bed hold his wife then when morning came something would change. As quietly as he could he snuck into the house took off his shoes. When he turned to head up the stairs he saw the one person he wasn't ready for Regina. He could tell tears had been falling down her face for hours now as she waited for him to get home. The look in her eyes let him know she already knew about the other woman.

"I-I want a divorce," her voice cracked in pain. It took a moment but he finally understood her words.

"Regina Please-" he tried only to hear her laugh cynically.

"And to think this whole time I thought it was my fault you were acting like thisâ€¦" it was cold, "I was going to resign for you. I was going to try and focus on us for a while. But this whole time it was you sleeping around like some kind of disgusting loser." Fresh tears fell from her eyes. "I'm done. We're done. Leave and take this stupid ring with you." She took it off tossing it at him it hitting

him in the chest. The thud of the small object shooting pain 10x worse the bullets.

"No," he said stepping towards her, "I love you," he cried.

"You are a weak man Emlyn Swan. I'm done with this bullshit. I regret marrying you. The only thing good you gave me where my children. You are worthless to me" next thing that happened Regina was on the floor holding her cheek. He had hit her. He didn't remember it though. It happened so fast that he was now sober and confused.

"Regina," he said appauld with his heart beating fast. He saw her eyes drift up to second floor landing. He turned to find Henry looking down on them tears in his beautiful green eyes. The boy had watched the whole thing.

"Get out." Regina growled. He looked back at Regina. He wanted to say something. He wanted to apologize. "GET OUT!" she yelled. Not having the energy, he gave up and walked away.

End
file.